GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Procurement of Cotton
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton fetched the highest price in the season for farmers as arrivals of the produce peaked this year at the procurement centres in the country particularly in Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Cotton Corporation of India procured 4000 quintals of cotton at the minimum support price of Rs. 4100, if the moisture content is below 8 per cent and the private traders also purchased 49,000 quintals at a premium in Telangana and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that cropped area of cotton in Telangana has also increased this year compared to the previous three years and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): Yes, Madam. During current cotton season 2016-17, the average kapas prices are ruling much above the MSP level in all the cotton growing States. Statement showing zone-wise, variety-wise MSP vis-a-vis kapas prices during last three years are as under:-

Month J-34 (North Zone) S-6 (Central Zone) Bunny Brahma (Southern Zone)
including Telangana
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
Minimum Support Prices of Kapas in Rs./ Qntl
3950 4000 4060 4000 4050 4110 4050 4100 4160
Average Market Prices of Kapas in Rs./ Qntl
OCT 4142 4566 5098 4212 4418 5335 4013 4058 4619
NOV 4005 4415 5204 4071 4298 5091 4019 4098 4703
DEC 4088 4467 5197 4014 4596 5127 4014 4110 4854
JAN 4068 4738 5722 4011 4766 5623 4013 4227 5275
FEB 4102 4724 5936 4059 4669 5773 4015 4145 5418
MAR 4063 4698 6015 4042 4684 5828 4042 4196 5423
APR 4151 4804 5798 4151 4512 5409
MAY 4744 5001 5642 4060 4828 5116
JUNE 4624 5618 5554 4233 5150 5102

(b): No, Madam. Since the prevailing market prices of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade of Bunny Brahma variety of Telangana were ruling much above Minimum Support Price (MSP) level of Rs.4160/- per quintal fixed by the Government of India, therefore, procurement under Minimum Support Price Operation was not required during cotton season 2016-17.

(c): The area under cotton cultivation in Telangana during last three years is as under:-

Area under cotton in Lakh hectares
2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
17.13 17.78 12.50

However, area under cotton cultivation may increase in ensuing cotton season 2017-18 due to good rains, higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the prospect of better returns from cotton compared to competing crops. It is evident from the fact that for the cotton season 2017-18 (as on 20.7.2017) in the State of Telangana progressive area under cotton cultivation is 15 lakh hectare as against 10.32 lakh hectare sown during the corresponding period of the previous year 2016-17.

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